ond and fourth Saturday afternoons at 2:30 P.M. At the meeting on June 9, Dr. Miller will tell about Tide Pool Animals, following which the members will visit the Museum Library under the guidance of the Assistant Librarian, Miss Veronica J. Sexton. Senior Members who wish to go on the Museum Tour will be welcome. The program of the meeting on June 23 will consist of a discussion by the Junior Student Members followed by a motion picture.

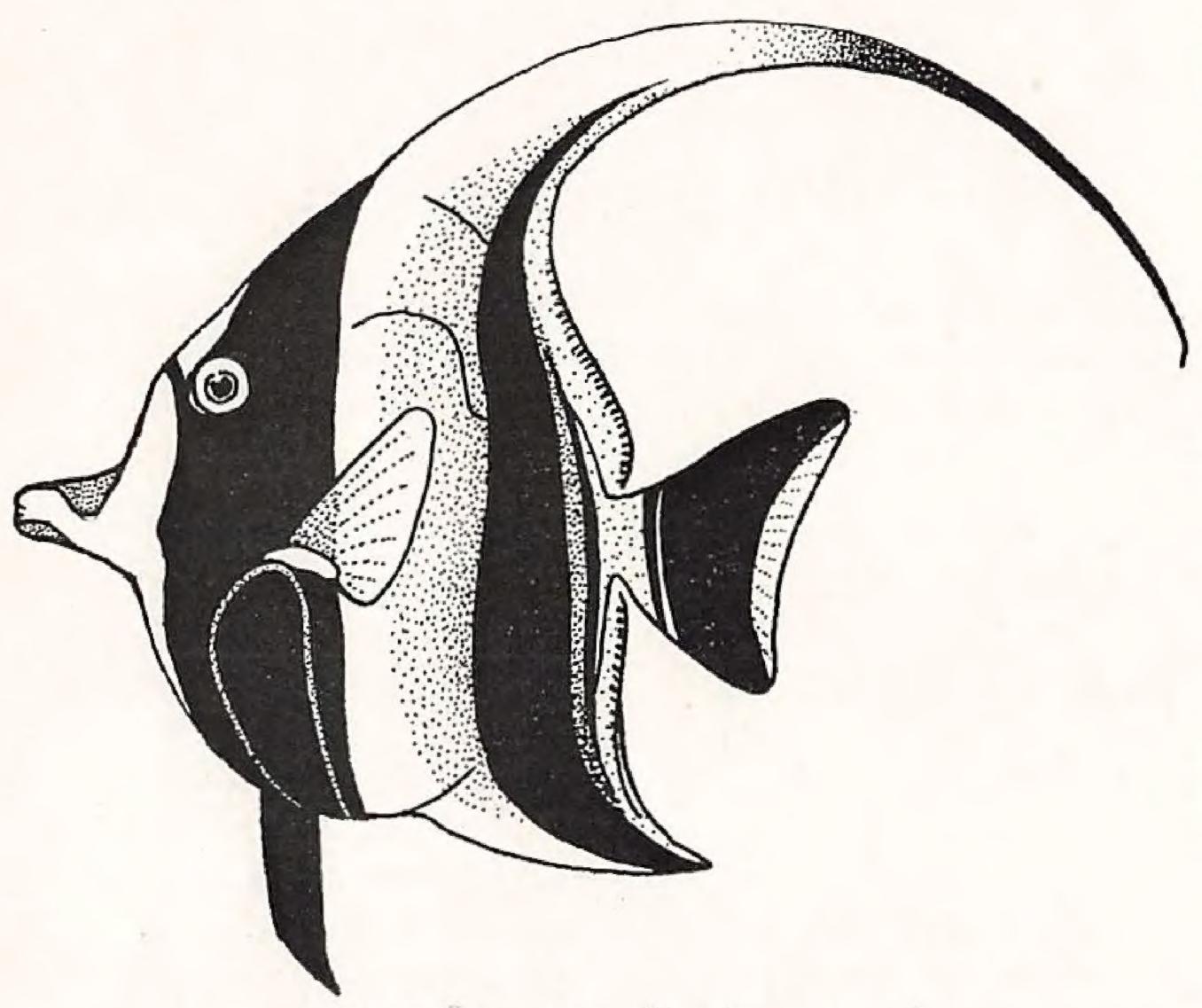
The Student Members have planned one field trip which will be on Sunday, June 17, to the East Bay. Notices will be mailed giving details as to time and place.

The Museum Nature Hours (public lectures) will be continued on Saturday mornings at 10:30 and will be illustrated with motion pictures and other visual aids. They will be continued at 1:15 in the afternoon for older children as long as the interest warrants. A special summer program is being organized details of which will be announced at a later date.

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A colorful coral-reef fish of the tropical Pacific, now on view in the Steinhart Aquarium

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# June Announcement

The regular June Meeting of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in Room 214, Simson African Hall on Wednesday afternoon, June 6, 1945, at 3:30 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Wilbert M. Chapman, Curator of Fishes in the California Academy of Sciences, who will take for his subject:

## FISHING FOR FOOD IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, 1943–44

Dr. Chapman spent fourteen months in various parts of the South Pacific in 1943–44 in the capacity of Senior Fisheries Specialist for the Foreign Economic Administration of the United States Government. He participated in the establishment of fisheries in the northern Solomon Islands for the Armed Forces, during the latter part of the hostilities in that area.

In addition to the problem of adapting fishing gear designed for the New England coast to coral reefs, Dr. Chapman experienced the doubtful joys of navigating a boat in and among these reefs without benefit of charts.

Fishing crews were assembled from local natives—sometimes a perplexing task, since the personnel included Methodists, Seventh Day Adventists, and professed cannibals who had to be welded into smoothly working groups. After they had begun to catch fish in commercial quantities, they found themselves in competition with practicing dive-bombers for the use of the fishing grounds.

Dr. Chapman will describe the beauty of the islands and of the underwater life around the coral reefs; the delights of scientific collecting in such a locale; and the occasional diversions, such as crocodile hunting with jacklights.

The public is cordially invited.

#### Applications for Membership

Notice is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its meeting on May 17, 1945, approved the applications of Miss Mary K. Dale for *Membership*, and of Mr. Richard Blaustein, Mr. Elmer Calkins, Mr. Roger Cooney, Mr. John C. Daniel, Mr. William Gordon, Mr. William O. Hargis, Mr. Jimmie Hayter, Mr. Donald Hofmann, Mr. Alan Leveton, Mr. Robert Mahoney, Mr. Dresden Marquardt, Mr. Richard Munter, Mr. John E. Nast, Miss Caroline Naus, Mr. Paul Richardson, Mr. Bert Sargent, Mr. A. Burton Smith, and Miss Sheila E. Wynne for *Student Membership* in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after June 1, they will be considered elected.

#### VISITOR FROM BRAZIL

A RECENT visitor at the Academy was Dr. Bertha Lutz, Senior Naturalist in the Museu Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, who is a delegate to the United Nations. Conference on International Organization. Miss Lutz has left in the temporary custody of the Academy a collection of South American amphibians which she brought with her for comparison with specimens in North American museums.

Miss Lutz very kindly consented to address a staff seminar at the Academy at 2:30 P.M. on June 1, on the subject, "Herpetological Collecting in Brazil."

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES DURING JUNE

The Student Members will hold their meetings during June in two separate groups. Senior Members (high school and college students) will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings, at 7:30 P.M., in Room 214, Simson African Hall. The first of these meetings will be on June 13, at which time Dr. Robert C. Miller, Director of the California Academy of Sciences, will tell the members about Marine Invertebrates, especially those found in tide pools. The second meeting of the Senior Student Members will be a discussion meeting, led by the students, on June 27, at the same hour and place. Motion pictures will be shown at both meetings.

The two meetings of the Junior Student Members will be held on the sec-